

Sinclair Broadcasting is enjoying business profits thanks to "we the people"'s government allowing Sinclair use of the public airwaves free of charge. The FCC must ensure that as long as Sinclair enjoys this major benefit that gives the corporation its life, that Sinclair serve the public interest.

It is a very dangerous situation when a limited number of corporations are given such control over the airways that they can promote their corporate political view to significant portions of the viewing nation without challenge or without having to air opposing views.

Sinclair's current plan to force many of its stations to air an anti-Kerry film during pre-election prime time without pairing such a program with a film of the opposing view shows why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. A few large media ownership groups should not be determining and filtering the information provided to all of us as members of a broad democratic republic. This is not rocket science, it is common sense; yet, increasingly those with considerable financial and political resources exploit public airwaves to their own benefit. Thank you for your consideration.